

WAR AGAINST HOHENZOLLERNS

French Deputy Strikes Key-note Which is Likely to Spread

BE NO ARMED TRUCE

French Nation Aroused to Frenzy—Will Make no Treaty With Kaiser or His Family

Paris, Aug. 4.—Joseph Reinach, a well-known deputy, has launched in the Figaro what, in the opinion of many well-informed persons here, is likely to become the allied watchword, "Away with the Hohenzollerns!"

"The allies," says Reinach, "will agree here shall be no treaty with William of Hohenzollern or with any member of his family. Unless I am greatly mistaken, the question of the Hohenzollerns will become more important every day. It is too vague to speak of destroying German militarism. German militarism is the house of Hohenzollern, with its feudal castes and all its birds of prey."

"I have shown twenty times that the war is the personal work of the German Emperor. Exactly when he began to premeditate it even he does not know."

"But it is a fact that he had taken his stand November 6, 1913, when he unhesitatingly turned to the Belgian King about the necessity of war soon and his certainty of success."

"It is a fact that finally, as the accomplice of Austria's ultimatum to Serbia, the Kaiser's own hand abolished all chance of peace. He refused the conference proposed by England and the arbitration of The Hague offered by the Czar, and declared war on Russia at the very moment when the Vienna government had welcomed Petrograd's proposals. And this though every pretext had vanished."

"Since the drive through Belgium failed and his bright dream of victory vanished, since the German nation rises hungry and bears the hatred of the world, while the horizon is lowering with menace, the German Emperor is afraid and says, 'I will do it not.'"

"Then who did it? His feudal chiefs, his junkers, the crown prince and his Agrarians will it, too, but the Germany of the Hohenzollerns is no aristocracy, oligarchy, or democracy. There is one lord and master, the Hohenzollern, the Emperor. It is he who willed, who ordered, who began this war. He is the master assassin. British Premier Asquith has said this in solemn declaration before the House of Commons."

"Over a year ago in the verdict on the Lusitania the jury at Kinsale pronounced guilty of wholesale murder the officers of the submarine, the German government and the Emperor of Germany. All those generals, those officers, those soldiers are only his tools and accomplices."

"We will not make our peace a mere truce between two slaughters. We will insure the future of free peoples. But with him who premeditated, willed and ordered all these crimes, one does not negotiate. Him one judges."

HORSE STOLEN.

Chief of Police Goods, of this city, has received a telegram from J. C. Dunn, of Quantico, in which the latter states that a black horse was stolen from him last night by one or two men, who could not be identified. The police are on the look out for the thieves. The horse, when stolen, was bridled, but had no saddle.

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TURKEY WANTS TO QUIT

Willing to Make Peace on Humiliating Terms

London, Aug. 4.—It is reported on high authority that Turkey wants to quit the war and that the Ottoman government has indicated to Great Britain an abject willingness to make peace on the most humiliating terms. Great Britain, however, even if it desired to accept Turkey's offer, is unable to do so because it has given pledges to her allies that it will make peace only in conjunction with its allies.

For this reason Turkey will be unable at the present time, at least, to make the best of a bad bargain and once again come under the wing of its old protector. It is considered in London that the "sick man of Europe," realizing that he is about to be severed from the European portion of the Ottoman empire, is now ready to sue for peace at any price.

Turkey, it is known, has just about reached the end of its tether. Not only has the Constantinople government "nailed" all the German efforts to induce it to send troops to the relief of Austria, but even the 30,000 Turks in the pay of the Bulgarian army have refused to fight.

The losses suffered by the Turks in the fighting of the past month has been a crushing blow to the hopes of the Ottoman government, one from which it is declared she will not be able for some time to recover.

This setback at the hands of the troops of the czar and the financial straits of the government has, it is said, brought the Ottoman government to the realization that to continue the struggle would mean nothing less than hopeless ruin in the end. For this reason Turkey wants to make peace at any terms.

RICHMOND TAX CONTEST

Court of Appeals Grants City Writ of Error and Supersedes

Richmond, Aug. 4.—The Supreme Court of Appeals has awarded a writ of error and supersedes to the City of Richmond against the judgment of the Hustings Court, the judgment of the Hustings Court, entered on July 20, sustaining the contention of the Drewry-Hughes Company, dry goods jobbers, that the assessment by the city of \$1.40 on each \$100 of the firm's capital stock was in excess of the rate allowed by law on the taxable intangible personal property of merchants. Judge Richardson held that the rate of 30 cents on each \$100 was the correct one, and ordered that a tax of \$600 be assessed against the company's capital stock of \$200,000.

It is contended on the part of the city that a rate of taxation to be followed by local communities is prescribed under the terms of the segregation act of 1915, only for such intangible personal property as is expressly segregated and made subject to State taxation only, and that the same act provides that "capital of merchants shall not be subject to State taxation, but may be taxed locally as prescribed by law."

City Attorney Pollard points out that Richmond for many years has not levied a license tax on merchants, but, in lieu thereof, has taxed their capital. The rate of \$1.40 was fixed by ordinance in April, 1915.

The suit was instituted by the Drewry-Hughes Company, which complained first that the assessment of its capital at \$200,000 was excessive and should be reduced; and, second, that the rate of \$1.40 per \$100 was contrary to law.

GERMANS SHOOT IRISH

London, Aug. 3.—Baron Newton, under secretary for foreign affairs, replying to a question in the House of Lords of Parliament as to whether the government had any information concerning the shooting of two Irish soldiers while prisoners of war in Germany said:

"The American Embassy in Berlin notified the government on July 7, that Patrick Moran, of the Connaught Rangers, had been shot by a guard at the working camp near Limburg on May 28. The commandant of the camp told the American representative that Moran, while intoxicated, attacked a guard, who shot him dead in self defense."

"It is important to note, that, according to our information, both soldiers had refused to join Roger Casement in his proposed expedition to Ireland."

GERMANS LOSING BEFORE VERDUN

French Reoccupy Fleury, and Extend Trenches Daily

BRITISH ALSO GAIN

Positions Gained by Crown Prince This Week Are Suddenly Wrested From His Grasp

London, Aug. 4.—The left wing of the British army engaged in the Somme offensive gained some ground during the night as the result of minor operations west of the village of Pozieres, General Haig reported to the war office this afternoon.

Paris, Aug. 4.—In a most violent battle northeast of Verdun last night the Germans suffered enormous losses in repeated counter attacks with massed formations, it was officially announced this afternoon.

London, Aug. 4.—The French counter-offensive northeast of Verdun yesterday reached its climax in a powerful blow, which has resulted in the complete recapture of Fleury and the whole system of highly organized defenses from Southeast of Thiamumont to the Froid Terre Ridge.

British troops gained ground by a bombing attack north of Bazentin-le Petit.

After a series of almost uninterrupted attacks during the night and in the forenoon on the four-mile front from the Meuse to the woods west of Damloup, the French yesterday afternoon concentrated all their power in a tremendous thrust on the one-mile Thiamumont-Fleury line. They smashed forward on this front for a distance of about a quarter of a mile through the powerful field works on the western front. Last night they had counted more than 650 prisoners.

The village of Fleury was attacked from two sides, the northwest and southeast. In previous attacks the French had advanced as far as the ruined railway station against furious resistance. Then, after the big guns had been given time to clear a path, the infantry again swept forward, this time to complete victory.

All the gains made by the Germans in their attacks of Tuesday have been swept away. In an attack simultaneous with that on Fleury, the French in the Chenois sector, drove the Teutons from the trenches they had seized in this wooded region, captured more prisoners. Berlin previously had admitted the loss of ground recently taken in Lauffee forest.

In the last three days the French have captured more than 1,750 unwounded prisoners. They have also taken a large quantity of military supplies. But from all indications they have done far more than that. With the descent of the hill on the Somme, the Germans seriously resumed their operations against Verdun. They had large forces at their disposal and all of their powerful artillery. But before they could get well under way the French launched their counter-offensive.

The French have regained a footing on two of the most important heights which look down on Verdun—Pepper Hill and the Froid Terre. The crest of the former is a No Man's Land, being constantly swept by shell fire. But from the latter the Germans hold artillery control of the heart of Verdun. They made much of the capture of Froid Terre, declaring it the most important position on the northeastern front. Now the French are working their way up to the crest again. The statement tonight from the War Office at Paris reports that French troops are fighting at the edges of Hill No. 320, one of the heights of the Froid Terre ridge.

That French troops have penetrated the German lines on Monacou Farm, in the region of the River Somme, and have taken a trench section to the north of that position.

In the region north of the fortress of Verdun, the announcement adds, the French have recaptured a trench section which they had lost in the Lauffee wood.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Alexandria Lodge of Elks will hold their regular weekly crab feast tonight at their home on Prince street.

The postoffice at Clarendon, Alexandria county, was entered and robbed of money and stamps last night.

The regular weekly crab feast of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at their home on south St. Asaph street.

Miss Janice Sampson of Brentwood, Md., who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Chas. A. Moore in south Lee street, has returned to her home after a delightful three weeks' visit.

In police court this morning Nancy Johnson, colored, charged with keeping a disorderly house, was fined \$50, and Beatrice Craig, colored, and Charles Spencer, were each fined \$5 for disorderly conduct. The trio was arrested on Oronoco street, between Pitt and Royal, last night.

HAVOC BY CLODBURST.

Many Deaths in Kentucky and Tennessee During Past Few Days

Middlesboro, Ky., Aug. 4.—While the waters which overran the banks of Big Barren Creek, near Tazewell, Tenn., late Wednesday night and early yesterday have not receded and have impeded the work of recovering bodies and rescue, yet it has been definitely established that the lives of 60 people are known to have been lost as the result of the cloudburst.

Rescue parties returning from the stricken district report that the water is all over the little valley of Big Barren Creek and that apparently every home along the creek for a distance of six miles has been washed away.

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 4.—A special from Tazewell, Tenn., says eight persons are known to be dead and thirty or more are reported missing as a result of a cloudburst on Barren creek, in Claiborne county, which began about 8 o'clock Wednesday night and continued for possibly thirty minutes. Considerable property was damaged and some destroyed.

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY

List of New Books Placed on Shelves for Month of August Announced

Following are the new books that have been on the Alexandria Library:

"The Finding of Jasper Holt," Grace L. Hill Lutz.

"Under The Country Sky," Grace S. Richmond.

"Father Bernard's Parish," Florence Olmstead.

"Handle With Care," Margaret Turnbull.

"Rich Man, Poor Man," Maximilian Foster.

"The Valley Of Fear," A. Conan Doyle.

"The Lightning Conductor Discovers America," C. W. and A. M. Williamson.

"Happy Valley," Anne Shannon Monroe.

"Gibby of Clamshell Alley," Jasmine Stone Van Dresser.

"Adam's Garden," Nina Wilcox Putnam.

"Babette," F. Berkeley Smith.

"The Day of Wrath," Louis Tracy.

"The Seed of the Righteous," Juliet W. Tompkins.

"A Diplomat's Wife In Mexico," Edith O'Shaughnessy.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Alfred Nolan, 14 years old, was instantly killed yesterday in Waldham, Mass., by his chum, George Beatty, the same age, when the two tried out a .38 caliber revolver, which they had found, to see how far the bullet would penetrate a telephone pole. The bullet struck Nolan, who was standing a few feet away, and he fell dead.

Miss Charlotte Dumas, 17 years old, of Plattsburg, N. Y., was instantly killed at Wilmington Notch by being thrown fifty feet down a cliff from the automobile in which she was riding. The car struck the bridge, and Miss Dumas and Miss Mildred Banker, also of Plattsburg, were thrown over the heads of the two young men with whom they were riding.

WORK TO AVERT RAILROAD STRIKE

Interested Agencies of Government Hope to Succeed

WILSON MAY APPEAL

Senate Committee Will Decide Today Whether Hearings Will be Held in The Matter

New York, Aug. 4.—Demands of approximately 30,000 members of the Switchmen's Union of America for increased wages and shorter hours, made in Chicago in March, are being discussed in this city by representatives of the union and the railroads affected, it was learned last night. The conference, which has been in progress more than a week, is private.

Nineteen railroads are represented at the conference, including the New York Central, the Baltimore and Ohio and the Rock Island.

New York, Aug. 4.—Seventy-five per cent of the ballots cast by more than 400,000 railroad employees of the United States in the vote on the general strike has been counted by the special board of tellers in this city yesterday afternoon. Timothy Shea, assistant president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, in charge of the work, declared that of these 300,000, almost all, favored a strike.

The count probably will not be completed until next Monday.

A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and W. H. Lee, of the trainmen's organization, arrived here yesterday, and it is expected that conferences similar to those of the National Railway Committee will be held to determine a course of action for the joint meeting Tuesday.

Washington, Aug. 4.—While the strike vote of 400,000 railroad employees was being counted in New York, every agency of the Federal Government affected by the situation was preparing yesterday to do all possible to avert a final break between the railroads and the workmen.

William L. Chambers, commissioner of the Board of Mediation and Conciliation, was in communication with President Wilson during the day though board officials pointed out that nothing of a formal character could be done until the railroad managers and representatives of the employees resumed negotiations next week.

A call was issued for a meeting today of the Senate Commerce Committee to decide whether hearings will be held on Chairman Newland's resolution proposing an investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission of hours of labor on railroads and urging the employers and employees to postpone a settlement of their differences until a report can be made. The question of hours of labor constitutes one of the chief causes of the threatened strike.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which appealed to President Wilson for Federal intervention to prevent a strike, is urging action on the resolution. The Chamber is considering calling a conference of representatives of commercial organizations to impress on Congress the necessity of taking some immediate steps.

The President late yesterday designated W. W. Hanger, assistant commissioner of the Board of Mediation and Conciliation, as a member of the Board. The law stipulates that there shall be three members, but Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman, and William L. Chambers, commissioners, have served alone because an official of the Department of Labor, designated as the third member.

NOTICE

Commission as captain offered to organize company of United States Life Guards in Alexandria. Will lead to honor and profit. Address Francis C. Nicholas, care of Gazette, 179 St.

when the board was formed, was not qualified for the place.

Judge Knapp and Mr. Chambers asked the President to increase the membership because the work of the board already has become great and the threatened railroad strike has added to the necessity of having another member.

Administration officials said everything possible would be done to avert a strike. If all other steps fail, it is probable President Wilson will make a personal appeal to railroad managers and the employees urging them to effect a settlement in the interest of the public. The question may be discussed at tomorrow's Cabinet meeting.

WORK OF SUBMARINES

Passenger Steamers and Other Vessels Sent to the Bottom

London, Aug. 4.—The Italian mail steamer Letimbro has been sunk by a submarine and 28 survivors have arrived at Malta. Two boatloads with survivors also have arrived at Syracuse.

The Letimbro carried a crew of 57 and her passengers numbered 113. It is believed that a large number of them lost their lives. The passengers included women and children.

Survivors report that a submarine was observed at a distance of about 6,000 meters. It fired a warning shot and then gave chase, firing continuously for half an hour.

It finally overtook the Letimbro, which had begun to lower boats.

"The submarine," adds the dispatch "continued its bombardment, smashing five boats, the occupants of which perished. Some of the survivors say that many were killed by shell fire."

All the crew of the Italian brig Roballo, torpedoed by an Austrian submarine, have arrived at Malta.

Lloyds report that the following vessels have been sunk:

Steamer Bror Oscar, Swedish, 368 tons. Fate of crew unknown.

Steamer Yermaland, Swedish, 213 tons. Fate of crew unknown.

Steamer John Wilson, Norwegian, 797 tons. Crew saved.

Brigantine Margaret Sutton, British, 197 tons. Crew saved.

Several trawlers also have been sunk.

Cocker Line steamship Britannic, British, 3,487 tons. She was unarmed. Steamer Heighington, British, 2,800 tons.

The Swedish steamer Hudiksvall was torpedoed by a German submarine Wednesday night in the Baltic while on a voyage from Sweden to Finland. The captain, with twelve men of the crew and five women, took to the boats and reached the Swedish coast. The Hudiksvall carried a valuable cargo.

It is reported also, adds the dispatch, that two other Swedish steamers and two Finnish steamers were sunk Wednesday night in the same vicinity.

Stockholm, Aug. 4.—The Swedish steamers Pitea, of 644 tons gross, and Temis, of 638 tons gross, both bound for Raumo, Finland, with a cargo of general freight, have been seized by German warships.

Copenhagen, Aug. 4.—The Politiken reports that the Danish steamer Katholm, a vessel of 1,201 tons, has been sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean Sea. The crew was saved.

TAG DAY TOMORROW

Boy Scouts Will Work in Interest of Anne Lee Memorial Home

The Boy Scouts of Alexandria will devote tomorrow to the sale of tags, the proceeds to be devoted to the Anne Lee Memorial Home, formerly the Old Ladies' Home, northeast corner of Cameron and Fairfax streets. The boys will be on the job bright and early tomorrow morning, when the people of the city will be given an opportunity to contribute in a pleasant manner towards this commendable institution. The Scouts' headquarters will be in the Westminster Building of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Miss Kate Gordon, president of the Southern States Woman suffrage Conference, issued a statement yesterday in New Orleans praising President Wilson for his stand for State action on suffrage. She declared Democratic women voters would not be deceived by Mr. Hughes' bait of a Federal amendment as a short cut to woman suffrage.

MILLIONS OF INTANGIBLES

Aggregate Amount Reported Reach Sum of \$12,438,387.

MUCH MORE IN HIDING

Tax Authorities Believe From \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 Will be Uncovered

Richmond, Aug. 4.—Executive Assistant Garnett's call for reports to the Tax Board of omitted intangibles returned voluntarily by residents of Virginia has brought from the Examiners of Records statements showing that a total of \$12,438,387 of this class of property has been voluntarily reported for taxation.

Under the new law relating to omitted intangibles persons were allowed this year only to report this class of property for taxation up to Aug. 1, without penalty. The period of grace expired Monday.

The fact that nearly \$12,500,000, in omitted intangibles has been reported voluntarily is taken by tax officers to mean that several times that amount will ultimately be brought under taxation through the investigations of the examiners. The aggregate value of omitted intangibles which still remain in hiding, and which should properly be made to bear its share of tax, was estimated by authorities at between \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

The examiners who have made reports of voluntary returns and the amounts reported by each follow:

Richard McIlwaine, Jr., Second Circuit, \$1,095,500.

Robert W. Arnold, Third Circuit, \$40,903.

George Mason, Fourth Circuit, \$29,025.

Tucker C. Watkins, Jr., Sixth Circuit, \$8,616,165.

W. M. Tredway, Jr., Seventh Circuit, \$149,811.

John S. Chapman, Eighth Circuit, \$217,703.

W. C. Williams, Ninth Circuit, \$3,325.

William H. Sands, Tenth Circuit, \$300,000.

Samuel R. Buxton, Eleventh Circuit, \$6,961,077.

C. S. Towles, Twelfth Circuit, \$348,000.

Sidney Smith, Fourteenth Circuit, \$15,000.

W. D. Cardwell, Fifteenth Circuit, \$20,695.

W. M. McNutt, Eighteenth Circuit, \$63,000.

E. V. Barley, Nineteenth Circuit, \$1,646,913.

A. P. Hutton, Twenty-third Circuit, \$9,330.

H. W. Wyant, Twenty-fifth Circuit, \$8,000.

Richard H. Tebbis, Twenty-sixth Circuit, \$417,400.

Winston Parrish, Twenty-eighth Circuit, \$54,505.

R. H. Drummond, Twenty-ninth Circuit, \$420,485.

A. J. Cauthorn, Thirtieth Circuit, \$2,550.

Total, \$12,438,387.

FAIRFAX MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Elect Officers for Year Yesterday Before Adjourning.

Before adjourning yesterday afternoon, the Fairfax County Medical Society which met yesterday at the Hotel Rammel, in this city, at 11 a. m., elected the following officers for the next term of one year: Dr. R. L. Wilkins, Alexandria, president; Dr. C. L. Starkweather, Occoquan, first vice-president; Dr. J. C. Blackstone, Washington, second vice-president; Dr. T. C. Quick, Falls Church, secretary; Dr. F. M. Brooks, Fairfax, treasurer. Dr. Llewellyn Powell, of this city, president of the medical fraternity of the county, for the past year, presided over the session and Dr. S. B. Moore, of this city and Dr. W. P. Caton and J. C. Smallwood, of the county, read papers, after which dinner was served.